

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ANIBAL ESTEBAN JAVIER PEREZ,

NOTICE OF MOTION

Plaintiff,

-against-

07 Civ. 4063 (CLB)

TOWN OF BEDFORD, TOWN/VILLAGE OF MOUNT
KISCO, and GEORGE BUBARIS, Individually,

Defendants.

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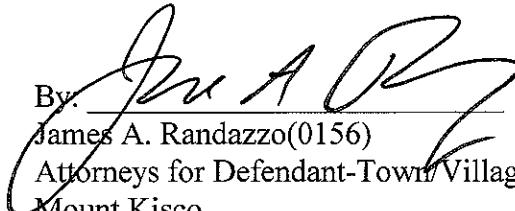
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, upon the accompanying Declaration of James A. Randazzo and the exhibits annexed thereto; Memorandum of Law in Support of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss and upon all pleadings and proceedings heretofore had herein, the defendant, Town/Village of Mount Kisco, by its attorneys, Santangelo Randazzo & Mangone LLP, will move this Court before the Honorable Charles L. Brieant, United States District Judge, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, located at the U.S. Courthouse, 300 Quarropas Street, Room 218, White Plains, New York, 10601, on September 21, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. for an Order pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (c), dismissing this action in

its entirety, and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: Hawthorne, New York
September 12, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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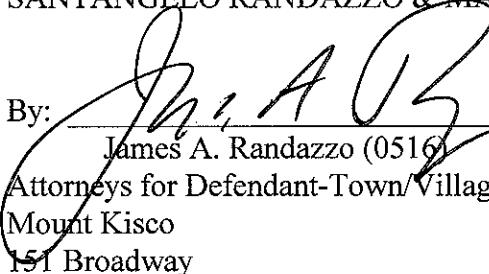
1. I am in partner in the law firm of Santangelo Randazzo & Mangone LLP, attorneys of record for defendant Town/Village of Mount Kisco (“Mt. Kisco”).
2. I submit this declaration in support of defendant Mount Kisco’s motion to dismiss this action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(c).
3. Annexed hereto as Exhibit “A” is a copy of plaintiff’s complaint in this action.
4. Annexed hereto as Exhibit “B” is a copy of defendant Mount Kisco’s answer in this action.

5. For the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum of law, defendant Town/Village of Mount Kisco respectfully submits that its motion to dismiss should be granted and the claims against the Town/Village of Mount Kisco be dismissed in their entirety.

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TOWN/VILLAGE OF MOUNT KISCO'S MOTION TO DISMISS**

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Of Counsel:

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Plaintiff Anibal Esteban Javier Perez brings this action against the Town of Bedford [“Bedford”], the Town/Village of Mount Kisco [“Mount Kisco”], and Police Officer George Bubaris, an employee of Mount Kisco, asserting two causes of action for violations of his Fourteenth Amendment rights pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff’s claim arises from the allegation that members of the Mount Kisco Police Department struck his brother and then dumped him on the shoulder of Byram Lake Road. Subsequently, plaintiff’s brother died. Mount Kisco now moves to dismiss this action as plaintiff does not have standing to assert a Section 1983 claim against the Town/Village of Mount Kisco.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Plaintiff alleges in the complaint that Bedford and Mount Kisco have maintained a policy of “border-dumping.” (Compl., ¶ 7). He asserts that this practice involves targeting “indigent male Hispanics of Guatemalan national origin, taking them into a police vehicle, transporting them across the border to the other jurisdiction, and leaving or “dumping” them in that jurisdiction. (Compl., ¶ 9).

Plaintiff claims that on April 28, 2007, between 8:30 p.m. and 8:43 p.m., Bedford police officers picked up plaintiff’s brother, Rene Perez, in their police car and transported him to Mount Kisco (Compl., ¶ 9).

Plaintiff further claims that, between 11:10 p.m. and 11:35 p.m., Mount Kisco police officers (including defendant Bubaris) separately encountered Rene Perez, struck him in the abdominal area, took him into custody, transported him to a desolate area in Bedford and left him on the shoulder of Byram Lake Road. (Compl., ¶ 11). Plaintiff claims that although Rene

Perez was seriously injured as a result of the blow to the abdomen by Mount Kisco police officers and in dire need of emergency medical attention, they left him by the road. (Compl., ¶ 11). Shortly afterwards, he was discovered by local passers-by, and was removed to a local hospital where he died from injuries allegedly caused by the Mount Kisco police officers. (Compl., ¶ 12).

Plaintiff claims that he has been forced to suffer “the loss of his biological brother, emotional upset, anxiety, fear, and has otherwise been rendered sick and sore.” (Compl., ¶ 13). As a result, plaintiff has asserted two causes of action against Mount Kisco, both alleging a violation of plaintiff’s Fourteenth Amendment rights. Significantly, the estate of Rene Perez is not a plaintiff in this action.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

A motion to dismiss should be granted if it is clear that no relief could be granted under any set of facts that could be proved consistent with the allegations. *Conley v. Gibson*, 355 U.S. 41, 45-46 (1957).

ARGUMENT

POINT I

PLAINTIFF DOES NOT HAVE STANDING TO MAINTAIN A CLAIM AGAINST THE TOWN/VILLAGE OF MOUNT KISCO

To prevail in an action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must show that he was deprived of a right, privilege, or immunity secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States. 42 U.S.C. § 1983; *Thomas v. Roach*, 165 F. 3d 137, 142 (2nd Cir. 1999). It is axiomatic that a party does not have standing to assert the rights of others who are not parties to the action

County Court of Ulster v. Allen, 442 U.S. 140, 154-63, 99 S.Ct. 2213 (1969), including claims on behalf of family members. *Kelly v. Rockefeller*, 69 Fed. Appx. 414 (10th Cir. 2003); *Idemudia v. Consolidated Rail Corp.*, 36 Fed. Appx. 558 (6th Cir. 2002); *Morgan v. City of New York*, 166 F. Supp. 2d 817 (S.D.N.Y. 2001). Based upon the foregoing, it is clear that to the extent plaintiff seeks to recover for the alleged violation of his brother's civil rights, he lacks standing to assert such claims.

Moreover, plaintiff has similarly failed to state a claim that his Fourteenth Amendment rights have been violated because defendants allegedly caused his brother's death and thus have violated his constitutional right to "familial association" or "familial privacy". See generally, *Patel v. Searles*, 305 F.3d 130 (2nd Cir. 2002). Although such a right is recognized, most Circuits Courts have declined to find a violation of the familial liberty interest where, as here, the state action at issue was not aimed specifically at interfering with the relationship. *Russ v. Watts*, 414 F.3d 783, 787 (7th Cir. 2005). Here, there are absolutely no allegations that the defendants took any actions that were intentionally directed to interfere with the plaintiff's familial relationship with the decedent. To be sure, to the extent such a claim is recognized by the courts, it is between parents and their children in a "custodial relationship", not between siblings, as is the case here.

In fact, similar claims have already been addressed by the Eastern District of New York in two cases, *Pizzuto v. County of Nassau*, 240 F. Supp. 2d 203 (E.D.N.Y. 2002) and *Busch v. City of New York*, 2003 WL 22171896 (E.D.N.Y. Sept. 11, 2003). Both cases involved suits brought for the intentional wrongful deaths of family members at the hands of police or correction officers . Both courts found that the parents of the adult decedents had no claim for

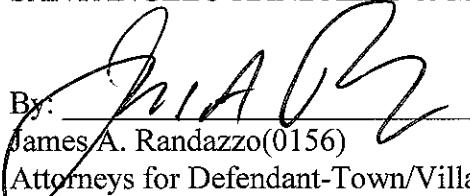
denial of a familial relationship. Both cases expressly rejected the application of *Patel* to situations in which the decedent was an adult and in which there was no direct attempt by the defendants to interfere with the familial relationship. Plaintiff's claim herein should be for the same reasons set forth in *Pizzuto* and *Busch*.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, defendant respectfully submits that this action be dismissed in its entirety, together with such further relief as it deems just and proper.

Dated: Hawthorne, New York
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, JAMES A. RANDAZZO, hereby certify that on September 12, 2007, I served the within NOTICE OF MOTION, DECLARATION & MEMORANDUM OF LAW upon all parties, by mailing a copy thereof, postage prepaid, the address as provided to defendant by notification from this Court and by electronic filing:

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LLP, for his complaint respectfully states:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action for compensatory and punitive damages, proximately resulting from conduct jointly engaged in by Defendants while acting under color of the laws of the State of New York, for the violation of Plaintiff's rights as guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, 42 U.S.C. §1983.

JURISDICTION

2. The Court's jurisdiction is invoked in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§1331, 1343.

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THE PARTIES

3. Plaintiff ANIBAL ESTEBAN JAVIER PEREZ is a domiciliary of the State of New York and a resident of the Northern Counties. He is a biological brother of Rene Perez who was the victim of an April 28, 2007, homicide.

4. Defendant TOWN OF BEDFORD, New York (hereinafter "Bedford") is a municipal corporate subdivision of the State of New York duly existing by reason of and pursuant to the laws of said State. Bedford and the co-defendant Town/Village of Mt. Kisco are contiguous and share a common border.

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THE FACTS

7. Bedford and Mt. Kisco have for a substantial period of time established and maintained a practice, policy and custom quaintly referred to in police parlance as "border dumping".

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- a. Select a target with respect to whom they have developed, by reason of prior interactions, personal animus motivated in whole and/or substantial respect by reason of the target's: national origin; skin color; and/or ethnicity,
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doing so those Police Officers were motivated by animus premised upon the target's national origin, skin color, and/or ethnicity.

11. On April 28, 2007, between 11:10 P.M. and 11:35 P.M. sworn members of the Mt. Kisco Police Department, including Bubaris, encountered and targeted Rene Perez (for the same reasons referenced in paragraph "10", *supra*) for a reciprocal act of border dumping. In that connection Rene Perez was:

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13. As a proximate result of Defendants' policy, practice, custom and conduct Plaintiff has been forced to suffer: the loss of his biological brother; emotional upset; anxiety; fear; and has otherwise been rendered sick and sore.

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14. Repeats and realleges as if fully set forth the allegations of fact contained in paragraphs "1" to "13", inclusive.

15. Under the premises Defendants' intentional and/or reckless conduct, and the causally related death of Rene Perez, violated Plaintiff's rights as guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, 42 U.S.C. §1983.

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WHEREFORE a judgment is respectfully requested:

- a. Awarding as against Bedford and Mt. Kisco such compensatory damages as the jury may determine,

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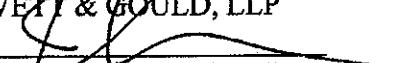

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that opposition papers are to be served at least five (5) days prior to the return date of the motion.

DATED: Mineola, New York
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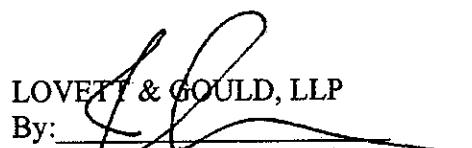
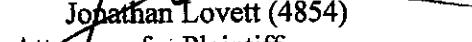

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ANSWER

ANIBAL ESTEBAN JAVIER PEREZ,

Plaintiff,
-against-

07 Civ. 4063 (CLB)

TOWN OF BEDFORD, TOWN/VILLAGE OF MOUNT
KISCO and GEORGE BUBARIS, individually,
Defendants.

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For the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum of Law, defendant

defendant TOWN/VILLAGE OF MOUNT KISCO, by its attorneys, SANTANGELO
RANDAZZO & MANGONE LLP, say:

NATURE OF ACTION

1. The allegations contained in paragraph "1" of the complaint constitute conclusions of law to which defendant makes no answer except to demand strict proof thereof and respectfully refers any and all questions of law to this Honorable Court. Further, defendant denies any conduct giving rise to a cause of action pursuant to enumerated statutes.

JURISDICTION

2. The allegations contained in paragraph "2" of the complaint constitute conclusions of law to which defendant makes no answer except to demand strict proof thereof and respectfully refers any and all questions of law to this Honorable Court.

THE PARTIES

3. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation contained in paragraph "3" of plaintiff's complaint.

4. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph "4" of the

plaintiff's complaint.

5. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph "5" of the plaintiff's complaint.

6. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph "6" of the plaintiff's complaint that defendant George Bubaris was a police officer employed by the Village of Mt. Kisco but denies that prior to the events of April 28, 2007, Bubaris had made public his belief that Rene Perez was a "bad" person whom he (Bubaris) did not like and refers all other questions of law to this Honorable Court.

THE FACTS

7. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph "7" of the plaintiff's complaint.

8. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph "8" of the plaintiff's complaint.

9. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph "9" of the plaintiff's complaint.

10. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation contained in paragraph "10" of plaintiff's complaint.

11. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph "11" of the plaintiff's complaint.

12. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation contained in paragraph "12" of plaintiff's complaint.

13. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph "13" of the plaintiff's complaint.

ANSWERING A FIRST CLAIM

14. Defendant repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every answer contained in Paragraphs 1-13 of this Answer with the same force and effect as if set forth more fully at length herein.

15. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph "15" of the plaintiff's complaint.

ANSWERING A SECOND CLAIM

16. Defendant repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every answer contained in Paragraphs 1-13 of this Answer with the same force and effect as if set forth more fully at length herein.

17. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph "17" of the plaintiff's complaint.

AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

18. Any conduct which is alleged by plaintiff is *de minimis* and insubstantial and as such the allegations fail to establish a claim upon which relief under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983.

AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

19. Any harm which came to Rene Perez was a direct and proximate result of his own actions.

AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

20. The plaintiff's claim for damages, if any, are to be strictly governed by the Civil Rights Act of 1991 (42 U.S.C. Section 1981a).

AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

21. Plaintiff has failed to allege that any harm which they may have suffered occurred as a result of a policy and/or custom established by the Town/Village of Mount Kisco, and thus the action against the Town/Village must be dismissed.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

22. Insofar as plaintiff seeks to impose liability to defendant Town/Village of Mount Kisco simply because it is alleged to have employed one or more constitutional tortfeasors, this action should be dismissed since the doctrine of *respondeat superior* is not available in an action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1983.

AS AND FOR A SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

23. The complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

AS AND FOR A SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

24. Plaintiff lacks standing to assert any Section 1983 claims on behalf of his brother.

W H E R E F O R E, the defendant prays judgment that the complaint of the plaintiff be dismissed, together with the costs and disbursements of this action and attorney's fees awarded to defendant.

Dated: Hawthorne, New York
July 13, 2007

Yours, etc.,

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